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1. Eighth Gds Army:

Location: Weimar (M 51/J 57)

CinC: Genpolk Boldin

CofS: Genmaior Belayev

Rear Services: Genmaior Pokhasnikov

Chief of Veterinary Section: Col Tyereshkov.

2. XXVIII Gds Corps:

Location: Gera (M 51/K 06)

3. Army component units:

39th Gds Inf Div: (see para 4)

57th Gds Inf Div: Employed along the border in Thuringia

20th and 21st Gds Inf Divs.

4. 39th Gds Inf Div:

Ration strength: 8,400 Troops

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Location of Hq:

Budolstadt (M 51/J 54)

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CG of division: Genmeior Vasilevski

Dpty CO (Organization, Training and Operations): A colonel, about 55 years of age, successor to Gds Col Dotsenko who returned to the Soviet Union in October 1949

Dpty CO (Political): Gds Col Sholnin

CofS: Gds Col Novikov

Dpty CofS and Chief of Operation Section: Gds Lt Col Titov

Chief of 4th Section (Stroyovaya Chast): Gds Maj Grushetski

Chief of Transport Section: A guards lieutenant colonel

Chief of Ration Supply Section: Gds Lt Col Klimentyef

Chief of Clothing and Equipment Section (OBC): Gds Maj Shashko

The headquarters also included a colonel (Chief of Artillery Service), another colonel (Chief of Artillery Supply Service) and a lieutenant colonel (Chief of Chemical Service). The headquarters personnel consisted of 30 officers, 10 NCOs and a 30-man headquarters platoon.

a. Organization:

112th Gds Inf Regt: (see para 5)

117th Gds Inf Regt:

[redacted]
Location: Meiningen (M 51/I 82)
Component units of the regiment were employed along the zonal border.

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120th Gds Inf Regt:

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Location: Saalfeld (M 51/J 53)
CO: Gds Col Dimitrov

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936th Gds Arty Regt

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Location: Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15)

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87th Gun Arty Regt:

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Location: Presumably Plauen (M 51/K 12)

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15th Tank Regt:

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Location: Saalfeld

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154th Indep Sig Bn (see para 6)

43rd Indep Gds Engr Bn:

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 Location: Rudolstadt,
 Luftwaffen Kaserne
 Dpty CO: Gds Capt Khasi

13th Indep Mtcl Bn:

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 Location: Rudolstadt,
 Luftwaffen Kaserne
 Dpty CO: Gds Maj Avsyeyev

One AAA battalion:

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 Location: Rudolstadt

One guards rocket launcher unit (Raketni Polk):

Location: Presumably Plauen.
 The unit, being below authorized strength, was administratively attached to the 87th Arty Regt.

512th Indep Med Bn:

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 Location: Saalfeld
 CO: Gds Maj Makarov.

b. A field workshop battalion, a motor transport company (commanded by Gds Capt Khranovski) and a gas defense platoon were also stationed in Rudolstadt.

5. 112th Gds Inf Regt:

Strength:

80 officers and about 1,200 EM

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Location:

Plauen

Regimental headquarters:

Gds Col Afonin

CO:
Dpty CO (Organization and Training):

Gds Lt Col Zinoyev

Dpty CO (Political):

Gds Lt Col Zidorov

Chief of Clothing and Equipment Section (OBC):

Gds Capt Bonder

C/S:

Gds Maj Shulepov, about 27 years old

Chief of Ration Supply Section:

Gds Capt Leluck

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a. Organization: Three battalions of three companies each. One headquarters platoon and one signal platoon. Each company numbered about 80 men and was organized into four platoons. Gds Maj Matveyev was CO of the I En.

One AT artillery battalion of three batteries

One medical company

One motor transport platoon

One gas defense platoon.

6. 154th Indep Gds Sig Bn:

Strength: 25 officers, 150 NCOs and EM

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Location: Rudolstadt, Luftwaffen Kaserne

Battalion headquarters:

CO: Gds Maj Chalenko

Dpty CO (Supply): Gds Maj Vodopyanov

Dpty CO (Political): Gds 1st Lt Larionov

C/S: Gds Capt Plokutin

Partorg Officer: Gds 1st Lt Stochnyev

Adm Officer: Gds 1st Lt Korshunov.

a. Organization: 1st Telephone Wire Co
CO: Gds 1st Lt Dudin

2d Headquarters Co
CO: Gds 1st Lt Yerofyeyev

3rd Radio Co.

Supply platoon with three passenger cars, five ZIS trucks and one Studebaker truck.

Comment:
[REDACTED] The data on the organization of the Eighth Gds Army and its component units were confirmed by wartime files and previous reports. They are considered credible and

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constitute a valuable supplement and confirmation of the OB of the Eighth Gds Army.

Comment in detail:

a. Eighth Gds Army:

[redacted] the army headquarters in the Sophien Krankenhaus, Weimar, Genpolk Boldin as CinC and Genmaior Pokhasnikov as Chief of Rear Services up to early November 1949. The CofS has so far been unknown. A Gen Belavski, identified in Weimar in connection with the Hq Eighth Gds Army in June 1948, is probably Gen Belayev, reported to be CofS. Col Tyereshkov, named as Chief of Veterinary Section, is unknown.

b. XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps:

[redacted] the Gera corps headquarters up to early November 1949.

c. The 20th Gds Miez Div and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were confirmed by other sources up to late October 1949 and the 21st Gds Miez Div up to late November 1949.

d. 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div

The Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted] was [redacted] up previously confirmed in Rudolstadt [redacted] to early December 1949.

The reported officers of the division headquarters, including the CG Genmaior Vasilevski, are unknown. A Genmaior Stankevski or Yakshin has been assumed as CG of the division. The statement that Gds Col Dotsenko, formerly Dpty CO, returned to the Soviet Union was [redacted] turned to the Soviet Union was [redacted] who reported that furniture of a Col Dotzenko was transported from the Rudolstadt railroad station towards Frankfurt/Oder in September 1949*.

(1) The following component units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were confirmed [redacted]

112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt [redacted] in Flauen up to early November 1949

117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt [redacted] in Meiningen up to late October 1949

43rd Gds Engr Bn [redacted] in Rudolstadt up to mid-November 1949.

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(2) The following component units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were confirmed by the report up to late October 1949:

120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt [redacted] in Saalfeld.

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Gds Col Dimitrov, given as regimental commander, is unknown. Gds Col Dimonov was previously reported to be CO of the regiment. Dimitrov is presumed to be the correct name.

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15th (Gds?) Tank Regt [redacted] in Saalfeld

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13th Mtcl Bn in Rudolstadt. [redacted] the 406th Rifle Regt/124th Rifle Div during the war.

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(3) The 87th Gds Arty Regt, confirmed as a component unit of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, was last identified in Rudolstadt in November 1947. [redacted]

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(4) The assignment of an Ohrdruf 936th Gds Arty Regt (probably 936th Gds How Regt) to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is only known from records of Higher Headquarters. The report is considered credible. [redacted]

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(6) [redacted] the 154th Gds Sig Bn, has been mentioned in reports on rail shipments in Rudolstadt since December 1948. The 154th Sig Bn was assigned to the 131st Mtz Rifle Div during the war and, according to records of Higher Headquarters (dated 1 November 1949), is assigned to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The 154th Gds Sig Bn [redacted] is therefore confirmed as the Rudolstadt signal battalion of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div up to late October 1949.

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(7) The statement that the battalion is organized into a headquarters, a telephone and a radio company agrees with previous information. Gds Maj Chalenko, mentioned as CO of the battalion, is unknown.

(a) The following additional units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div have been unknown so far, but are presumably assigned to the division:

512th Med Bn in Saalfeld [redacted] also belongs to the division

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Field workshop battalion

Motor transport company

Gas-defense platoon.

(8) The reported ration strength of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div (8,400 troops) equals about 75 percent of the presently assumed T/O strength (11,000) and corresponds with previous information on the actual strength of standard units.

(9) The data on the organization of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt are credible but incomplete inasmuch as the battalions are likely to include an AT-AA battery, a machine gun company and a mortar company, and the regiment at least one mortar company, an AA machine gun company and a mixed headquarters company. The reported strength of 1,280 troops also equals about 75 percent of the T/O strength assumed at about 1,800.

(10) The data on inductions and service terms (see Standard Manpower Questionnaire) agree with information of the Fall of 1949.

2 Annexes: 1. Installations in Rudolstadt (sketch on ditto)

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